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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method in wireless communication devices, for example, a cellular handset, including receiving a network control message, forcing an active packet session into a dormancy state in response to receiving the network control message, suspending a dormancy timer after receiving the network control message, and starting the dormancy timer upon completion of an event, for example, a voice pre-emption, that precipitated suspension of the active packet session.